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Grey Towers Calendar

2013 Grey Towers Public Program Schedule



April

SATURDAY, APRIL 20**GREY TOWERS HERITAGE 8K RUN/WALK**

An Earth Day 8K Run/Walk, in commemoration of Grey Towers' 50th Anniversary, will start at Grey Towers National Historic Site in Milford, PA, and follow the Pinchot Greenway through Milford Borough to Milford Beach and back to Grey Towers. All proceeds go toward Grey Towers 50th

Anniversary public programs. For information or to register, visit www.greytowers.org, call 570-296-9625, or send an e-mail to info@greytowers.org. *Sponsored by the Grey Towers Heritage Association and the U.S. Forest Service at Grey Towers*



May (continued)

SATURDAY, MAY 18**MILFORD EXPERIMENTAL FOREST HIKE, 1:00 PM**

Come explore the Milford Experimental Forest, a 1,200-acre research forest owned by the Pinchot family that was established in 1901 for research by Yale School of Forestry students. This moderately strenuous, 1.5-mile hike will showcase American chestnut reintroduction and deer management for forest health. **FREE.** Rain or shine. Meet at the Visitor Pavilion at Grey Towers to carpool to the Forest. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy after the hike.

SUNDAY, MAY 19**THE PINCHOT FAMILY AND MILFORD DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR, 11:00 AM**

Join us on this guided walking tour and learn how the Pinchot family helped shape the community. Meet on the Community House lawn at 201 Broad Street in Milford. Regular tour fees apply. Call 570-296-9630 to save a spot.

May

SATURDAY, MAY 4**EVOLUTION OF THE GREY TOWERS LANDSCAPE: SPRINGTIME IN CORNELIA'S GARDENS, 11:00 AM**

Come see the gardens awaken from their winter slumber. Meet Horticulturist Elizabeth Hawke at the Visitor Pavilion for a guided tour of native flowering shrubs; the historic Sweet Cherry tree, which should be in full bloom; the flowering bulbs in the landscape; and a tour of the historic landscape. Reservations suggested; call 570-296-9630. Regular tour fees apply.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15**BUS TRIP TO SIMSBURY, CT
GIFFORD PINCHOT'S BIRTHPLACE**

As part of our 50th Anniversary Commemoration, the Grey Towers Heritage Association is sponsoring a 1-day bus trip to Simsbury, CT, to visit the birthplace of Gifford Pinchot. Learn how Simsbury embraces the same family that enriched Milford, PA. Points of interest include the Pinchot Sycamore tree, Simsbury Free Library, and the town cemetery where Gifford's ancestors are buried. There will also be time to shop and explore the town on your own. Park in Grey Towers' lower visitor lot to meet the bus. Call 570-296-9625, send an e-mail to info@greytowers.org, or visit www.greytowers.org to register. *Sponsored by the Grey Towers Heritage Association and the U.S. Forest Service at Grey Towers*

**SATURDAY, MAY 25
(MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND)****REGULAR TOUR SEASON RESUMES, EVERY DAY
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM ON THE HOUR**

Guided tours of the mansion and grounds share the story of the Pinchot family and the role Grey Towers played as the Pinchots advanced their social, political, and conservation ideals. Special, three-floor tours will be provided **ONLY** on weekends at 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM **ONLY**.



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SATURDAY, JUNE 15

DRIVING TOUR OF COMMON WATERS LOCATIONS AND
OUTDOOR FILM SCREENING

SEEKING THE GREATEST GOOD:

THE CONSERVATION LEGACY OF GIFFORD PINCHOT

SATURDAY, JULY 6

FAMILY OUTDOOR FILM SCREENING AND
CRAFT ACTIVITY

UNIVERSAL STUDIO'S *THE LORAX*

SATURDAY, JULY 13

FORESTS AND GEOLOGY OF SAWKILL GORGE HIKE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GIFFORD PINCHOT!
FEE-FREE DAY AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

OUTDOOR FILM SCREENING
SELECTION TO BE DETERMINED

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21-22

50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION OF
GREY TOWERS

SATURDAY: REDEDICATION CEREMONY

SUNDAY: FAMILY FUN DAY

June

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

COME PAINT WITH ME

2013 SEASON KICK-OFF, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

This free plein air painting program is open to the public. Bring your own materials; Grey Towers provides the inspiration! This program is non-instructional. Park in the field on Old Owego Turnpike and meet at the Grey Towers' Main Entrance Gate for orientation (Visitor Pavilion in inclement weather). No reservations needed. Rain or shine. FREE. Call 570-775-6896 or go to www.joanpolishook-art.com for more information.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

ART OF LACEMAKING, 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Watch as the Lost Art Lacers of North New Jersey practice the art of lacemaking. Learn about the Pinchot lace collection. FREE and open to the public.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

DRIVING TOUR OF COMMON WATERS LOCATIONS

Join us on a driving tour of privately owned forested properties located within the Upper Delaware River Basin and learn how participation in the Common Waters Fund helps landowners conserve and manage their forests. Learn how healthy forests in this region provide clean drinking water for more than 15 million people downstream and how the health and existence of these forests are threatened by the pressures of development. Registration required; call 570-296-9625 to reserve a spot. Limited to the first 24 registrants. FREE.

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OUTDOOR FILM SCREENING, DUSK

An original WVIA documentary, *Seeking the Greatest Good: The Conservation Legacy of Gifford Pinchot*, highlights Pinchot's philosophy of natural resource conservation through sustainable use and how that legacy continues today. Rain or shine in our outdoor amphitheatre or our tented terrace area (bring a picnic dinner, blankets, and/or lawn chairs). FREE.

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July

SATURDAY, JULY 6

**FAMILY OUTDOOR FILM SCREENING AND
CRAFT ACTIVITY, 7:00 PM**



Bring the whole family out to enjoy Universal Studio's *The Lorax*, the animated film that illustrates what the world might be like without trees. Craft activity will begin at 7:00 PM; film to follow at dusk. Rain or shine

in our outdoor amphitheatre or our tented terrace area (bring a picnic dinner, blankets, and/or lawn chairs). FREE. *Sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service at Grey Towers and the Grey Towers Heritage Association with funding from the Orange and Rockland Utilities Community Fund*

SATURDAY, JULY 13

**FORESTS AND GEOLOGY OF SAWKILL GORGE HIKE
11:00 AM AND 1:30 PM**

Learn about the forests and geology of the Sawkill Gorge on a hike through private lands that border the historic creek. **Reservations are required;** the group size is limited to 20. Call 570-296-9625 and indicate which hike you will be joining.

THURSDAY, JULY 18

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This free plein air painting program is open to the public and is non-instructional. You can either join the artists or observe them at work in the fields and forests of Grey Towers for these outdoor painting and sketching sessions. Bring your own materials and a picnic lunch. Meet near the mansion (Visitor Pavilion in inclement weather). No reservations needed. Rain or shine. FREE. Call 570-775-6896 or go to www.joanpolishook-art.com for more information.



August



**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
AUGUST 3-4**

NINTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF WOOD

Handmade crafts, music, arts, programs, children's activities, educational exhibits, and more!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY GIFFORD PINCHOT!
FEE-FREE DAY AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Help us celebrate Gifford Pinchot's 148th birthday with a fee-free day and a re-creation of his famous ice cream socials. See all three floors of the mansion for free, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM; free ice cream will also be available in the outdoor amphitheatre from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Music will be provided by The Lost Ramblers.

In lieu of a fee, bring a nonperishable food item that will be donated to an area food pantry.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

OUTDOOR FILM SCREENING, DUSK

Film selection to be determined. Rain or shine in our outdoor amphitheatre or our tented terrace area (bring a picnic dinner, blankets, and/or lawn chairs). FREE.

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September

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21-22

50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION OF GREY TOWERS

Join us for this 2-day event that commemorates 50 years since President John F. Kennedy dedicated Grey Towers as a public asset for conservation of our natural resources and the home of the Pinchot Institute for Conservation. Saturday: Rededication ceremony and tree planting. Sunday: family-friendly program and picnic. FREE mansion Open House both days! Visit www.greytowers.org for the full schedule.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

COME PAINT WITH ME, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

This free plein air painting program is open to the public and is non-instructional. You can either join the artists or observe them at work in the fields and forests of Grey Towers for these outdoor painting and sketching sessions. Bring your own materials and a picnic lunch. Meet near the mansion (Visitor Pavilion in inclement weather) for this final session of the season. No reservations needed. Rain or shine. FREE. Call 570-775-6896 or go to www.joanpolishook-art.com for more information.

October

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

EVOLUTION OF THE GREY TOWERS LANDSCAPE: AUTUMN IN CORNELIA'S GARDENS, 1:30 PM

Brilliant red, yellow, and orange leaves will be ablaze for this landscape tour. Meet Horticulturist Elizabeth Hawke at the Visitor Pavilion to view the fabulous foliage displays of the native shrubs, Japanese maples, historic sugar maple planted by General William T. Sherman, and the historic landscape. Regular tour fees apply.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

DRAMATIC READING, 6:00 PM AND 8:00 PM

Halloween Dramatic Reading, "A Night with Poe." Fee. Contact info@greytowers.org or call 570-296-9625.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

CEMETERY WALK, 1:30 PM



Join us for a walk through the Laurel Hill Cemetery, Milford's original town graveyard, on the grounds of Grey Towers. Meet at the Visitor Pavilion in the parking lot. Wear sturdy shoes. Regular tour fees apply. Call 570-296-9630 or contact greytowers@fs.fed.us for more information.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

PUBLIC TOUR PROGRAM ENDS

